## **ABSTRACT**

Please amend the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract:

Detection of items stored in a computer system such as computer code, data or information includes obtaining signatures characteristic of programs of interest such as steganographic stenanographic programs. A signature is obtained by reading code from a program of interest. The code may consist of the first 500 bytes from a .DLL .DDL file taken from the programs' core steganographic steganographic kernel. This code is then the signature. The computer system systems compares the signature with files it holds, other than files on a prearranged exclusion list. If a signature is found to match data in a file, the filename, the finding of steganography in it, the file location and the matched signature are recorded by the computer system for output to its user.